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Larson Statement on President Obama's State of the Union Address

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Congressman John B. Larson, Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement after President Obama's State of the Union address:

“President Obama has called on Congress and our nation to move forward an agenda centered on out-educating, out-building, and out-performing the rest of the world. He said ‘this is our time’, and I couldn’t agree with him more. We must build upon our successes and prepare our nation for a stronger foundation.

“It is time for us to create jobs and grow our economy here at home. It’s time for us to work together, so our concerns are that of the ironworker in East Hartford, the teacher in Bristol, and the small business owner in Torrington. It is time for us to prepare our nation to win in the future.

“The economy and jobs are the greatest domestic concern of our nation, and it should be a shared goal of us all to address it with a commonsense approach. Tonight, the President provided a blueprint that is practical and needed, with job creating investments in education, innovation, and our nation’s infrastructure.

“As we invest for our future, we will take responsibility for our current deficits and make the necessary cuts to prioritize our overall goal-making a stronger, smarter, more competitive America. I applaud President Obama for his pledge to not accomplish this by privatizing social security or on the backs of our current and future seniors.

“This is our opportunity, for both Democrats and Republicans, to pull together for the greater benefit of the American people. Tonight’s speech provided the fuel for this

generation's next great moment. If we highlight making it in America, drive initiatives that will lead to job creation and a renewed economic expansion, the stars are the limit for our nation. America is ready to lead."

Tonight, Congressman Larson's guest to the State of the Union Address was Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

"I thank Governor Malloy for accepting my invitation to witness tonight's State of the Union in the House Chamber. I look forward to working with him and our President to address the important issues facing our communities in Connecticut," said Congressman Larson.

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